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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF 50 X-26 MODEL TASERS FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SHERIFF'S BOOSTERS (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters intend to donate 50 X-26 Model Tasers (Tasers) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Lancaster Sheriff's Station (Lancaster Station). These Tasers will supplement the current aging and smaller inventory of Tasers.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for Los Angeles County (County), to accept the donation of 50 Tasers, valued at \$47,681. These Tasers will ensure that every Lancaster Station Patrol Deputy (Patrol Deputy) deployed in the field will have a Taser readily accessible.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Marv Crist, President of the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters, 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, California, 93534, for the generous donations.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters intend to donate 50 Tasers to help supplement the current inventory of less than 30 tasers. The current inventory includes aging tasers, which do not hold a battery charge for a complete shift. This inventory of tasers does not ensure that every Patrol Deputy will be able to perform their assigned patrol duties with a properly functioning taser. This is a safety issue for the Patrol Deputy and the community.

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In addition, the current taser inventory is made up of mostly the older M-26 Model, which is a bigger and less user friendly model than the newer X-26 Model.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. The donation of these 50 Tasers will enhance the safety of the Antelope Valley community and provide an additional tool to support the Patrol Deputies in their law enforcement duties.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no additional cost associated with this donation; the requested action eliminates the need for County funds for the necessary expense.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Government Code section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for any public purpose. Donations in excess of \$10,000 must be placed on the Board agenda for the Board's consideration and acceptance.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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Approval of this request will help ensure continued safe and effective law enforcement services to the residents of the Antelope Valley. There will be no negative impact on current Department services or projects as a result of this donation.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return an adopted copy of this Board letter to Lancaster Station.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. SCOTT

Sheriff

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